Accupuncture technique to treat incurable diseases

† 785. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is becoming possible to treat incurable diseases through the Accupuncture technique;

(b) if so, whether it has become now possible to treat the diseases related to ear, nose and liver also through this technique;

(c) whether keeping in view the success of this technique, Government are encouraging several doctor practicing in the modem systems of medicine to take interest in it; and

(d) if so, the complete details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) and (b) According to ICMR, Accupuncture thereapy is stated to be useful for several diseases. WHO has recognized Accupuncture as a traditional mode of treatment for diseases connected with Respiratory, ocular Gastrointestinal, Neurological and Musculoskeletal conditions.

Accupuncture therapy is useful in treating various diseases including those related to eye, ear & liver.

(c) and (d) No such proposal is envisaged.

Assistance from World Bank and WHO for various programmes

†786. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any financial assistance from World Bank and World Health Organisation during last three years for National AIDS Control Programme,- Malaria Eradication Programme, Cancer Eradication Programme etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total amount that has been spent on the above-mentioned programmes during the said period; and

(d) the details of the remaining amount?

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